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The Organization of the Executive Departments of the Government of the United States.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The whole machinery employed to conduct the business arising out of our foreign relations, with all the powers of the world is in full stride; there is generally considered to be no more able or competent than the Department of State of the United States, and its services, as follows:—Secretary of State, (Hon. William H. Seward); Assistant Secretary of State, (William Hunter); one chief clerk, twelve clerks, one translator, and one librarian.

Diplomatic Branch.—This branch of the State Department has charge of all correspondence between the department and other diplomatic agents of the United States abroad, and through them, with the government of this government. It also receives and transmits accounts for subsidies of the army, fortifications, Military Academy, military roads, and the Quartermaster's department, as well as for pensions, claims arising from military services previous to 1816, and for horses and other property lost in the military service, under various acts of Congress, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Third Auditor's Office.—Robert J. Atkinson, esq., Third Auditor, and twenty-one clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts relating to the pay, clothing, and remittance of the army, as well as armories, arsenals, and ordnance, and all accounts relating to the Indian department, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Fourth Auditor's Office.—Aaron O. Darling, esq., Fourth Auditor, and sixteen clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for the service of the Navy Department, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Inspection Office.—John Oakford, esq., chief clerk, and seventeen clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for diplomatic and similar services performed under the direction of the Foreign Minister, and transmits them to those officers, and answers to their dispatches and letters from other persons asking for consular agency, or relating to consular affairs, are prepared and record, and their contents being first entered in an analytic table or index.

Consular Branch.—This branch has charge of the correspondence, &c., between the department and the consuls and consular agents of the United States abroad, and transmits to those officers, and answers to their dispatches and letters from other persons asking for consular agency, or relating to consular affairs, are prepared and record, and their contents being first entered in an analytic table or index.

The Disbursing Agent.—He has charge of all correspondence and other matters connected with accounts relating to any fund with the disbursement of which the department is charged.

The Translator.—His duties are to furnish such translations as the department may require. He also receives the contents of consular and diplomatic documents, when not in English upon which extracts are issued.

Clerk of Appointments and Commissions.—He makes out and records commissions, letters of appointment, and nominations to the Senate; makes out, and records exequaturs and records, when in English, the commissions on which they are issued. Has charge of the library.

Clerk of the Rolls and Archives.—He takes charge of the rolls, and all acts and resolutions of Congress, as they are passed at the commencement for the President's signature, and authenticates copies thereof which are called for by the department, or superintends their publication, and that of treaties, in the newspapers and in book form; attends to their distribution throughout the United States, and that of all documents and publications in regard to which this duty is assigned to him. Has charge of all letters and documents connected therewith. Has charge of all Indian treaties, and business relating thereto.

Register's Office.—Finley Bigger, Register, and twenty-nine clerks. He keeps the accounts of public receipts and expenditures; receives the return and makes out the official statement of commerce and navigation of the United States; and also from the First Auditor, and Comptroller, and all accounts of all funds, or other moneys advanced to the United States in payment of debts, and has power to sell and dispose of the same for the benefit of the United States.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.—Hon. Caleb Cushing, Attorney General of the United States, R. H. Gilday, esq., chief clerk. The ordinary business of this office may be classified under the following heads:

1. Official opinions on the current business of the government, as called for by the President, by any head of department, or by the Solicitor of the Treasury.

2. Examination of titles of all land purchased, as well as of all other public works of the United States.

3. Applications for pardons in all cases of conviction in the courts of the United States.

4. Applications for appointment in all the judicial and legal business of the government.

5. The conduct and argument of all suits in the Supreme Court of the United States in which the government is concerned.

6. The supervision of all other suits arising in any of the departments when referred by the head thereof to the Attorney General.

To these ordinary heads of the business of the office are added at the present time the following, viz:

First. The direction of all appeals on land claims in California.

Second. The codification and revision of the laws of the District of Columbia.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Secretary of the Interior.—Hon. Robert M. T. Lincoln, Secretary of the State of Michigan. His clerical force consists of one chief clerk, (George C. Whiting, esq.) one writing agent, and ten other regular clerks; and to his supervision and management are committed the following branches of the public service:

1st. **The Public Lands.**—The chief of this bureau is called the "Commissioner of the General Land Office." The Land Bureau is charged with the survey, management, and sale of the public domain, and the issuing of titles therof, whether derived from the original survey, or by patent, or by act of Congress, or by sales, grants, or donations; all state and national forests, and other public works of the United States.

2d. **Examination of titles of all land purchased, as well as of all other public works of the United States.**

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